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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
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ROYAL NAVAL OFFICES
H. B. M. CONSULATE-GENERAL
SHANGHAI.

13th September, 1929.

The Director,
C. I. D.,
Shanghai Municipal Police.

Sir,

I desire to acknowledge with thanks your letter of 12th inst: giving particulars of Chinese war vessels.

I am very grateful for all the trouble you have taken in this connection.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Captain, R. N.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. I. D. REGISTRY
No. I. O. D. 507
Date 12. 9. 29.

September 12, 29.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 3, addressed to the Commissioner of Police forwarding a questionnaire in the matter of particulars concerning ships of the Chinese Navy, and in reply to forward herewith an information sheet compiled by the C.I.D. on the points raised.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Acting Director of Criminal Investigation.

Captain G.W.M. Grover, R.M.,
Royal Naval Offices,
H.B.M. Consulate-General,
Shanghai.

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September 12, 1929.

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In compliance with the request contained in the attached letter, I beg to forward a list of Chinese naval ships containing the answers so far as available to points raised in the appendix attached thereto.

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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS IN APPENDIX

Class	Ship's Name	Information obtained
Cruiser	Haichi	Yes, the length is 424' The draught is 20 feet. Speed: 24 n.m. per hour. The armament consists of: 2 - 8 in. B.L. 10 - 4.7 in. B.L. 12 - 47mm guns. 4 - 37 mm. machine guns 6 - 7 mm. M.F. guns. 5 torpedo tubes.
"	Haichen Haiyung Haichew	The armament is the same in all ships and consists of the following:- 3 - 15 cm. 8 - 10.5 cm. 2 - 6 cm. 4 - 37 mm. 5 - 8 mm. maxims. each has one torpedo tube but its size is unknown. Speed: 19½ n.m. per hour.
Destroyers	Correct name: Kienkong Yuchwang Tungan (Hsio An)	Their length is 198' and the armament is as follows:- 2 - 12 prs. and 4 -3 prs (each. 2 - torpedo tubes (each) Speed: 32 n.m. per hour. "Hsio An" is a new name for Tungan. The characters are (校安).
Torpedo Boats	Correct name: Hupeng Huying Huchun Hungao	"Hu E" is to be identified with Hungao (湖鶴). They are all sister ships, having the following armament: 2 - 2½ prs. (each) 3 - torpedo tubes (each) Speed: 23 n.m. per hour.
	Correct name: Chen Su Lieh Chang	They are sister ships, having the following armament:- 4 - 1 prs. (each) 3 - torpedo tubes (each) Speed: 18 n.m. per hour.
	Lieh Chang	They are sister ships having the following armament: 4 - 1 prs (each) 3 - torpedo tubes (each) Speed : 16 n.m. per hour.
	Lei Chung etc. etc.	No particulars available
Torpedo gunboats	Kienwei Kienan	They are sister ships. Armament unknown Tonnage: 850 (each) Speed: 23 n.m. per hour.
Destroyer	Feiying	Speed: 24 n.m. per hour Draught: 12½ feet. Armament: 2 - 12.5cm 4 - 37 mm. 3 - torpedo tubes.

Training Ship	Tungchi	Tungchi and Yungchi are two different ships, the latter being a gunboat. Tonnage: 1,900 Speed: 13 n.m. per hour. Armament unknown.
Despatch Vessel	Lienching	Still afloat and in commission.
Sloop	Taian	Ditto.
Gunboat	Sienning	Yes, the Chinese characters are "咸寧". Length: 170 feet Draught: 6 feet Speed: 16½ knots. Tonnage: 418 Armament: 1 - 12 cm. 1 - 10.5 cm. 3 - 7.5 cm. 4 - 3 prs. 4 - machine guns 1 - anti-aircraft gun.
Gunboat	Tinghai	Unknown
	Chungshan Yunghsiang	They are sister ships having tonnage of 780 and armaments as follows:- 1 - 10.5 cm (each 1 - 7.5 cm. (each) 4 - 3 prs. (each) 2 - 1 pr. maxims (each). The Yung Feng now bears the name of "Chungshan".
"	Yungchien Yungchi	Sister ships. Length : 205 feet (each).
River Gunboat	Lien Yu	Unknown
	Wei Sheng	The characters are "威勝". Probably identical with Wei Shen.
	Kuangyu Kuangchin Kuangkeng	Are known to be afloat and in commission in Kwangtung. Others are unknown here.
	Correct name: Kiangshu Kiangkun	Sister ships. Armament is known to be: 1 - 8.7 cm. (each) 4 - 7 mm. maxims (each)
	Kiangyuan Kiangheng Kiangli Kiangchen	Sister ships Afloat and in commission Draught : 7 feet Length: 180 feet. Other "kiang's" are unknown here.
	Chuyu (樊豫) Chuyou (樊有) Chutung Chutai Chuchien Chukuan	All sister ships. No. Wide the characters Length: 200 feet (each) Tonnage: 780 (each) Armament of each: 2 - 12 cm. 2 - 76 mm 2 - 6.5 mm. 2 - 25 mm.

River Gunboat:	Li Sui Lichien	Unknown.
	Haino Haifu	Unknown. Vide other "Hai's" below.
	Hungo, etc., etc.	With the exception of Yuehwang which is given above, no particulars of the rest are available. It is not known whether they are still in commission.
Transports & Auxiliaries	Those that are known :-	These are afloat and in commission. The others are not known.
	Tingan Kanchuen Chinan Litung Kungchen (拱宸) Hwaan Chinghai	
	Fu An	With the exception of the following the other particulars are correct: H.P.750 Speed: 12 n.m. per hour. Parficulars of armament not available.
Gunboat	Correct name: Haiou (海鷗) Haigou (海鷗)	Sister ships. Length: 105 feet. Draught: 6'7" Speed: 10½ n.m. per hour Tonnage: 150 H.P.250 Armament unknown.
	Haiko (海鶴) Haihung (海鴻)	Sister ships Length: 105 feet Draught: 6'9" Speed: 11 n.m. per hour. Tonnage: 190 H.P. 250 Armament unknown.
	Haiyen (海燕)	Length: 65 feet Draught: 2½ feet Speed: 11 n.m. per hour Tonnage: 56 H.P. 60 ar Armament unknown.
	Haihê (海鶴)	Length: 108 feet Draught: 6½ feet Speed: 12 n.m. per hour Tonnage: 227 H.P.: 200 Armament unknown.
Ships building	Chenchi, etc.,	Unknown.
Gunboat	Chiangli	Probably. Otherwise unknown to us.
Cruiser	Chaoho (肇和)	This ship is still afloat and in commission in the River Amur, Manchuria.

Royal Naval Offices,
H.B.M. Consulate-General,
Shanghai.

3rd September, 1929.

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Sir,

The Admiralty are desirous of bringing their information about the Chinese Navy up-to-date. They have accordingly directed me to investigate the points raised in the Appendix attached hereto.

It is requested that if you have any information on the Navy covering these points it may be placed at my disposal. The matter is not at all urgent.

A copy of this has been sent to the Consul-General.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Captain, R. M.

D.C.P.
He does not ask us to make enquiries but if we have the information please assist in every way.

The Commissioner of Police,
Headquarters,
S. M. P.

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APPENDIX.

Class.	Ship's Name.	Information required.
Cruiser	HAI CHI	Is length 424' between perpendiculars? Is draught 19 feet? What is armament?
	HAI CHEN HAI YUNG HAI CHOW	Is armament the same in all ships? Have they a submerged 14" torpedo tube? What is their speed?
Destroyers.	HSIO AN CHIEN KANG YU CHANG	Is length 198 feet between perpendiculars? Is armament 2-3prs or 4-3prs? What is Chinese character for HSIO AN.
Torpedo Boats.	HU PENG HU YING HU CHUN HU E	Can HU E be identified with HUNGAO ? Are these all sister ships? If so, what is armament?
" "	HU CHEN HU SU HU LIEH HU CHANG	Can these be identified with CHEN TZE, SU TZE and LIEH TZE ? Are they all sister ships? If so, what is armament.
" "	LEI CHUNG LEI LI LEI TUI LEI KAN (I) LEI KAN (2) LEI SUN LEI KUN LEI CHEN LEI KEN	These are supposed to be in the employment of the Kwantung Province Water Police. Are they still afloat and in commission?
Torpedo Gunboat.	CHIEN WEI	Is this a sister ship to the CHIEN AN ? What is armament and tonnage?
" "	FEI YING	What is speed, armament and draught?
Training Ship.	TUNG CHI	Can this be identified with YUNG CHI ? What is tonnage, speed and armament?
Despatch Vessel.	LIEN CHING	Is this ship still afloat and in commission?
Sloop.	TAI AN	-- do --
Gunboat.	SIENNING	Is this the correct name? What is Chinese character? What is armament, tonnage, and length between perpendiculars?
"	TING HAI	Is this ship afloat and in commission?
"	YUNG FENG	Can this be identified with CHUNGSHAN ? What is tonnage?
"	YUNG HSIANG	Are there two ships of this name? What is tonnage and armament?

Class.	Ship's Name.	Information required.
Gunboat.	YUNG CHIEN YUNG CHI	Are these sister ships? If so, what is length between perpendiculars?
River Gunboat.	KIEN YU.	Chinese character required. Described in Far Eastern Review, April 1929. Are these particulars correct?
" "	WAI SHENG	What are Chinese characters. Is this the same as WEI SHEN?
" "	KUANG YU KUANG YUAN KUANG LI KUANG CHEN KUANG HENG KUANG CHIN KUANG KENG	Are these ships afloat and in commission?
" "	CHIANG HSI CHIANG KUN	Do these carry 1-3.4" howitzer?
" "	CHIANG KUNG CHIANG KU CHIANG TA YUNG AN KUNG CHEN CHIAN CHUNG CHIANG LI CHIANG CHEN CHIANG HENG CHIANG YUAN	Are these ships afloat and in Commission? In case of last three what is their draught? What is length between perpendiculars? Can second two be identified with CHIANG TSING and CHIANG LING respectively.
" "	CHU YU (1) CHU TUNG CHU TAI CHU CHIEN CHU KUAN CHU YU (2)	Are these all sister ships? Are there two CHU YUs? What is armament and length between perpendiculars? Is tonnage 740 of all ships?
" "	LI SUI LI CHIEH	WHICH of these is ex-OTTER and which ex-VATERLAND? Are they sister ships? What is tonnage and armament?
" "	HAI HU HAI FU	What are Chinese characters? Are these sister ships? What are tonnage and speed?
" "	HUNGO TZE TIEN CHUEN TIAO YU CHWANG CHING SHAN FU TING YUNG CHIANG TING HAI CHEN HAI	Are these still afloat and in commission?
Patrol boats.	No. 244 245 247 and 5 more.	

Class.	Ship's Name.	Information required.
Transports and Auxiliaries.	KUEI LEE TING AN KAN CHUEN CHINAN LI TUNG CHU CHING KIANG PING KAN CHEN TAI AN HUAH AN CHIU ANG CHENG CHIN WEI HAI HUA CHIA CHENG HSIANG CHING HAI CHENG AN (ex CHEN HAI)	Are these ships afloat and in commission?
" "	FU AN	Are following particulars correct? Transport 1700 tons, built 1894, H.P. 1600. Speed 10 knots, coal 170 tons, length 250', beam 38', draught 18', armament 2-6prs, 2-1pr. Complement 105.
GUNBOAT.	HAI KU HAI HUNG HAI BUNG HAI CU HAI YEN	Chinese characters and particulars of these would be welcome.
Ships building. Presumably Gunboats.	CHEN CHI YUNG HSIN LING CHUEN 3 small Gunboats.	Names with Chinese characters and particulars would be welcome. Is YUNG HSIN also YING SHUI?
Cruiser.	CHIANG LI	Is this the same as the KIANG LI?
"	CHAO HO or CHENG HO	Is this ship still afloat and in commission?